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Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 4640 and MUR 4643

Dear Mr. Turley:

I am the Treasurer of Friends of Eric Serna for Congress here in New Mexico.

It is with some embarrassment that I must tell you that I only saw your letters in reference to MUR 4640 and MUR 4643 yesterday, August 6. When the Serna campaign effectively shut down, there was one staff member left, and she had possession of the key to the campaign's post office box here in Santa Fe. Apparently, she fell out of the habit of going to the post office and checking the mail. The bottom line, I am afraid, is that no one went to the post office box until Mr. Serna himself did a couple of days ago, when he found your letters of June 2 and June 11 in the box.

The fault is ours and not yours. This is not an excuse--it is an explanation.

Obviously, I want to respond in detail to both of these matters. Could I ask you to give us an extension of time, until August 21, to respond to both inquiries?

I apologize for this. Please be assured that we take these things seriously and plan to give your office a complete response.

Yours very truly,

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